

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Forest Department- Diversion of 2.00 ha. of forest land in Compartment No.209, Ragimanupenta RF of Chittoor (West) Division in Chittoor District for grant of mining lease for extraction of black granite in favour of M/s Maruthi Granites, Chittoor. - Permission accorded-Orders issued.

ENVIRONMENT FORESTS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOG (FOR.I)DEPTT.

G.O.Ms.No. 59

Dated:29-07-2009

Read the following:-

- 1..From Prl.CCF. Lr.No. 50722/2004/F2, Dated: 17-12-2004.
2. State Government. letter No.10204/For.I(1)/2004-1, Dated: 10-1-2005.
- 3 . From GOI, Mo.EF, Bangalore, Lr.No.4-APB057/2005-BAN/5043, Dated: 8-7-2009.

ORDER:

In the letters 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Hyderabad had submitted a proposal under section-2 of Forest (C) Act, 1980, for diversion of 2.00 ha. of forest land in Ragimanupenta Reserve Forest of Chittoor (West) Division Chittoor District for grant of mining lease for extraction of black granite in favour of M/s Maruthi Granites, Chittoor and requested to forward the same to Government of India for their approval.

2. The above proposal has been sent to Government of India for their approval under section-2 of Forest (C) Act, 1980 vide letters 2nd read above.

3. The Government of India in their letter 3rd read above have conveyed approval (Stage-II) under Section-2 of Forest (C) Act, 1980, for Diversion of 2.00 ha. of forest land in Compartment No.209, Ragimanupenta RF of Chittoor (West) Division in Chittoor District for grant of mining lease for extraction of black granite in favour of M/s Maruthi Granites, Chittoor for a period of (10) years, subject to certain conditions as stipulated therein.

4. The Government after careful consideration of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Hyderabad, for diversion of 2.00 ha. of forest land in Compartment No.209, Ragimanupenta RF of Chittoor (West) Division in Chittoor District for grant of mining lease for extraction of black granite in favour of M/s Maruthi Granites, Chittoor for a period of 10 years, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The demarcation of 2.00 ha of forest land shall be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars dully numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of user agency.
3. The compensatory afforestation shall be raised over 2.00 ha. identified non-forest land in Sy.No.353/3 of Muthukuru (V) of Peddapanjani (M) of Chittoor District at the cost of user agency. The State Government shall obtain prior permission of Central Government for change of location and schedule of compensatory afforestation site, if any.
4. Non forest land for compensatory afforestation shall be notified by the State Government as P.F./R.F. under Indian Forest Act, 1927 or the State Forest Act within a period of 6 months and Nodal Officer (FCA) shall report the compliance within 6 months.

5. The State Government shall maintain area upto 7.5 mts. as safety zone all along the boundary and will also raise and maintain the plantation over an area, one and half times of the extent of the safety zone in degraded forest land elsewhere at the project cost.
6. The funds received from the user agency towards Compensatory Afforestation and Net Present Value under this project shall be deposited to Ad-hoc CAMPA in account number CA – 1578 of Corporation Bank, Block-II, CGO Complex, Phase-1, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110 003.
7. The additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, due as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 shall be realized from the user agency and transferred to Ad-hoc CAMPA in account number CA-1578 of Corporation Bank, Block-II, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110 003 under intimation to this office.
8. No waste material from mining lease area will be allowed to fall / spread in the adjoining forest area. A deep trench of about 2 mts. width with 1.5 to 1.75 mts. depth shall be dug up all along the boundary of the applied area with excavated earth kept on the outer side of the trench and where the cutting of deep trench is not possible, a stone wall of 1.5 to 1.75 mts. height with sufficient width be formed to stop spread of any waste materials in the forest area outside the leased area. The above work shall be undertaken by the user agency at their own cost before commencement of mining operation. In case any spread of waste material in the adjoining forest area is found, the approval for mining may be revoked by the Government without assigning any reason thereof.
9. The entire forest area upto the R.F. boundary line, surrounding the applied area shall be appropriately fenced and rehabilitated at the cost of user agency as per the detailed plan prepared by the Forest Department.
10. Suitable species like Neem etc. shall be planted along both sides of the proposed road over a width of 50 mts. to create a tree belt to minimize the pollution effect at the cost of user agency.
11. No excavation of pits/collection of materials will be allowed for construction of road from the forest land other than the width of the approach road applied with the project.
12. Latest technology shall be used for mining to minimize the adverse impacts of mining including pollution/noise effects.
13. Mining shall be allowed during day hours only. No mining will be taken up during night hours.
14. The mining shall be done as per the mining plan approved by IBM.
15. Soil conservation measures shall be taken up at the cost of user agency.
16. The forest area shall be used for the purpose of mining, storage of materials and OB dumps only.
17. Reclamation work concurrent to the mining shall be taken up by the user agency at their own cost. A copy to the revised reclamation plan duly approved by the Mining Department shall be sent to GOI.

18. The consent of Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board (APPCB) shall be obtained under Air and Water Act before commencement of mining operation and it shall be renewed annually.
19. No permanent buildings or labour sheds should be constructed in the leased area.
20. The State Government shall take up a mid-term review at five years to study the impact of mining on the surrounding flora and fauna and its watershed effects. In case the mining is found detrimental to the development of flora and fauna of the surrounding of the proposed area, then the State Government shall report the same so that the permission granted for mining can be revoked.
21. The State Government shall institute a study by an appropriate agency for assessing the impact of the mining on the flora and fauna in these areas as per the inspection report of Committee constituted by GOAP, EFS&T Department in GO Rt.No.369 EFS&T (For.I)Department dated 03.08.2006.
22. An attested copy of the GPA holder of M/s.Maruhi Granites shall be furnished to GOI
23. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 2.00 ha. in case the land is not taken over by the user agency or the same is not used for the stipulated purpose within a period of two years, then the area shall be taken back by the Forest Department.
24. A combined map on 1:1000 scale showing the proposed lease boundary of M/s. Maruthi Granites & M/s. Jyotheeswaran Granites and northern, eastern and southern RF boundaries with their respective bearings / Co-ordinates duly authenticated by the DFO shall be prepared and furnished to GOI. The forest land shall be transferred to the user agency only after furnishing the above mentioned map to GOI..

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Hyderabad is directed to take necessary action accordingly in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

JANAKI R. KONDAPI,
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Hyderabad.
Copy to:M/s. Maruthi Granites, Kannainaidu Colony,
Chittoor.

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER.